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Senate Bill _____
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House Bill No.HB0295
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 3, relative to granting immunity to volunteers assisting school teachers and administrators.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds and declares that the services of volunteers for school functions and activities are critical to the efficient conduct and management of the public school systems and the citizens of this state;

WHEREAS, such school volunteers must be permitted to assist teachers and school administrators without concern for the possibility of litigation arising from the discharge of their duties as assigned by teachers and school administrators;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 3, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) All volunteers shall be immune from suit arising from the discharge of duties assigned by teachers and school administrators, provided the conduct does not amount to willful, wanton or gross negligence. Notwithstanding other provisions of this code to the contrary, public school systems may carry liability insurance

coverage in an amount to be determined by such school system for volunteers performing duties as assigned by teachers and school administrators. This subsection shall not prevent or impair a public school system immunity from suit pursuant to the Governmental Tort Liability Act, Title 29, Chapter 20.

(b) "Volunteer" means all individuals donating or volunteering their time and/or services whether compensated or not to any public school system of this state, when such services are at the request and under the direction of a teacher or school administrator.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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